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letters

LIKE BROWN? YOU'LL LOVE KOTEK

No surprise that *EW* likes Oregon House Speaker Tina Kotek for Governor (Slant, 12/16). If you like Kate Brown, Kotek would be Brown on steroids.

Far-left Kotek's voting record shows that she is anti-police, anti-voter directives, pro-tax and spend, pro-government mandates and willing to promote legislation fitting her own agenda to the detriment of law-abiding citizens of our state.

A recent example was the arrest of her legislative director last September for interfering with a police officer during the 101st night of looting, burning and destruction in Portland by Black Lives Matter and Antifa, what the media called a "peaceful protest."

Rather than condemn the riots and her staffer's actions, Kotek lashed out at the police for what she called their "utter inability to exercise restraint" while Portland burned. She then followed up by sponsoring House Bill 3164.

HB 3164 removed "refusing to obey a lawful order by the peace officer" and engaging in "activity that would constitute resisting arrest" from grounds for criminal charges. A dozen other Democrats, including Rep. Marty Wilde, along with the Oregon ACLU, co-sponsored the bill. With its attached "emergency" clause, it became law immediately upon Gov. Brown's signature.

Kotek also supported other bills to hamstring the police and, along with her fellow Democrats, has shown little or no interest that I've seen in addressing the Marxist mayhem ravaging Portland.

Kotek is the absolute last person we need in Mahonia Hall.

*Jerry Ritter
Springfield*

IT'S BECAUSE LBJ CANCELED RESPONSIBILITY

Taliek Lopez-DuBoff asked (Letters, 12/16) why there were 28 school shootings in 2021.

In the 1930s, college letterman athletes were allowed to terrorize lesser males with hardwood paddles, but those

who fought back against bullies at any school level were cheered. There were no school shootings.

In 1966 a mentally disturbed college student shot and killed 14 people in Austin, Texas. Guns were everywhere then, but this incident did not start a nationwide trend of school shootings. High schools had rifle clubs for boys and girls; faculty and student pickup trucks had rifles in gun racks, and people kept guns at home, the office and in the glove box.

Therefore, whatever change has occurred must be in society and not with guns.

There has always been a certain amount of class envy, but the idea that someone had what another coveted wasn't seen as "unfair" by the average person. Honestly acquired material wealth was seen as something earned.

President Lyndon Johnson's Great Society eliminated personal responsibility and created the entitlement mentality. Then came the "Me Generation," participation trophies, punishment for acting in self-defense and teachers who advocate anti-social ideas. As a victim, your sorry condition is caused by the rich, capitalism, white nationalists and Republicans, and you must avenge "inequity." All this creates a certain mindset.

The shooting at Columbine was supposedly in response to bullying the school failed to address. What if they had addressed it? Revenge with a gun has now become the norm, but the gun itself cannot be blamed.

*Greg Williams
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A CLIMATE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION

On Dec. 16 the Environmental Quality Commission made history. It approved climate regulations that push to reduce greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from transportation and heating fuels and from large factories. This long overdue program gives me hope that Oregonians will have more job opportunities in our transition off fossil fuels. It will infuse \$200 million to \$500 million



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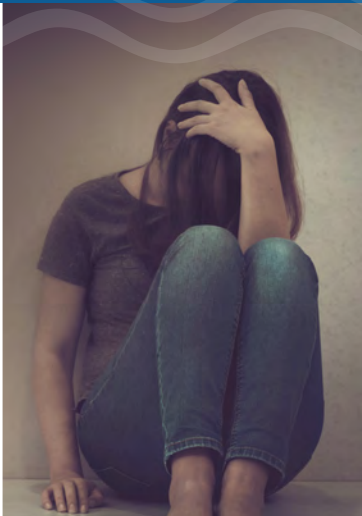
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neurs, students and graduates to help turn the tide on climate in their hometowns. Tap these funds to launch new nonprofits or transform established ones, and transition Oregon (and the U.S.) off fossil fuels. Oregon is poised for greatness in reducing emissions. Let's thank the commissioners and staff, and get to work.

*Helen Kennedy
Marcola*

WHAT HAPPENED TO CAMPAIGN FINANCE REFORM?

The voters of Oregon want campaign finance limits so much that 78 percent voted to amend the state Constitution last year to expressly allow them (Measure 107). So where are they?

The Legislature squandered the 2021 legislative session without producing any limits. That's partly because our current legislators were elected with more corporate money than in any other state in the U.S. (averaging \$476,000 each in 2018).

The 2018 race for governor raised a record \$40 million, mostly from corporations, unions and wealthy donors like Phil Knight. Now we're set to see another record-breaking gubernatorial race next year. Here in Eugene we saw the realtors donate an astounding \$35,000 to try to place one candidate on the City Council. We can't allow our political system to be up for sale.

As we go into the 2022 short legislative session, there are still no clear plans

to limit campaign donations. That's why other actions are needed. Eugene and Lane County could enact their own campaign finance limits, like Portland and Multnomah County have with \$500 donation limits, but our local elected officials haven't acted so far.

Three state-wide ballot initiatives have been filed by the good-government group Honest Elections Oregon. All three would provide comprehensive limits for state and local races. One includes a partial public funding option. If these make it to the ballot they will win in a landslide, like every other time voters have approved these measures in the past.

*Eben Fodor
Eugene*

Local —and— Vocal

NOTES FROM THE RIVERSIDE BY MARK HARRIS

Towards a Black Social Service Agency

WE NEED AN ACTION-ORIENTED, EVIDENCE-BASED, BEST-PRACTICE-FOCUSED MULTI-ETHNIC COALITION OF HEALTH-CARE PROFESSIONALS

In 1974, two years before the Eugene Springfield NAACP branch was founded, I worked in a Los Angeles Black Community Mental Health Day Treatment center for "emotionally disturbed" children. They were children of alcoholics, living in poverty, witnessing daily alcohol-fueled domestic violence. They "self-medicated" their traumas on the way to third grade with marijuana. Plenty of marijuana, plenty of liquor stores, in a social service desert. Our agency was one of the oases.

I came to Eugene in 1984 to find another desert. No ethnic neighborhoods, few businesses owned by people of color, rare Black hair care and few social services agencies of color, none Black. Clear evidence of current and historical racialized trauma. Historically, every time a physical Black community formed, it was intentionally destroyed, by bulldozing, urban renewal, the usual means by the usual entities. Decades of official white denial, because this was not taught in the schools or higher education, and no one was training counselors in healing from racial trauma therapy.

Hmmm, we need a Black social service agency that acknowledges that racism exists, that it can be dealt with in scholarship, therapy and activism.

Locally, I was trying to explain why referring to African American families as "being in a tarbaby situation," in the presence of a Black intern, who told you already tarbaby was an ethnic slur, which Blacks older than the internet could tell you (disbelieving the Black intern, by referencing Google).

That same agency denied Emmett Till's lynching: "Shut up, that never happened!" Shaking my head in disbelief, having been called tarbaby in elementary school. A Black teen who'd been verbally, racially assaulted, reported it to school personnel, disbelieved and finally physically

attacked. Outnumbered 5 to 1, he beat off his attackers, but was the only one arrested and charged with Assault III.

Sentenced to anger management, he was subjected to a counselor who years earlier said to my face regarding youth of color: "These people have a criminal culture, and it's the same as their ethnicity." The youth sentenced to "anger management" said the "counselor" used the N-word as a form of "saturation desensitization therapy."

It's hearing and witnessing actual comments like these, asking for and being denied ethnically disaggregated outcome data, that caused us to create Rites of Passage. That was independent of the Eugene Springfield NAACP, which despite evidence of wrongdoing, malpractice or health disparities, just wanted to be a "watchdog" and "advocate," but not deliver evidence-based solutions.

Eric Richardson agreed the NAACP branch needed to be more than that chained, fenced-in watchdog, or be an advocate limited to talking, marching and protesting. I was wary and skeptical.

After my 2019 retirement from Lane Community College, he asked me to assist in re-booting the NAACP Health Committee. My past assistance with NAACP in 1991 consisted of having "reasonable" meetings with often avowed, unapologetic practicing racists.

I didn't call them racists to their face. I just pointed out there was more current science than what they learned in the '50's, '60's or '70's. Employing current science, instead of old prejudice, might be more efficacious. You know, apply best practices to everyone, not just the ones you like. N-word saturation therapy, or denying racialized trauma exists, are not best practices. Being nice to racists, however professional and polite they were, was no longer effective. When polite "advocacy" fails, Black people act.

Richardson assembled an action-oriented, evidence-based, best-practice-focused multi-ethnic coalition of health care professionals, physicians and other community partners. The combined partners, in effect, built a womb-to-the-tomb focus on eliminating health disparities affecting Black people, people of color and others who are marginalized.

We signed up people for SNAP, delivered and distributed food to 40 families a week, as well as paid rent and paid utilities to people in COVID quarantine. We called elders of color, set up COVID-19 vaccine clinics, facilitated HIV testing and delivered online continuing education training for health care personnel and more.

What started as a local NAACP branch Health Committee had, as far as we knew, the national NAACP's blessing to accrue funding and do the activities we were engaged in as an exportable national model. We had been working within legal, ethical boundaries, in a pandemic, for nearly two years.

All that came to an abrupt end at the end of November, when the board abruptly terminated Eric Richardson as well as terminating some Health Committee activities except food distribution.

I get asked by our partners, fiscal sponsors, former mayors, judges and lifetime NAACP members: "What happened to Eric?"

We have been given no rational, health evidence-based reason for stopping health promotion activities, in an ongoing pandemic. Or abruptly firing Richardson, for what cause? We understand confidential personnel issues, but abrupt termination, in the absence of wrongdoing or deficiencies in comprehensive public performance review?

Local white government employees wrecking government vehicles, while on the clock, and under the influence of cocaine and alcohol, have kept their jobs. Did Richardson do worse than that? Why terminate Richardson abruptly? Trust has been broken, but the issues we all face need decisive action, which we are prepared to take beyond the NAACP.

Beyond Richardson, abandoning focused, evidence-based action is like walking unvaccinated and maskless into a known super-spreader event, thinking you see the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel.

Some of us cannot "pump the brakes" on the health promotion bus. We can understand nervousness about the bus route, but we will continue forward momentum. ■

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A FRIENDLY NEIGHBORHOOD FAVORITE SINCE 2008, BILLY MAC'S CLOSES DOWN DEC. 23

By Susan Palmer

It's 2 pm on a Thursday at Billy Mac's Bar & Grill, a cozy restaurant on the edge of the Friendly Area neighborhood. Billy McCallum is in the narrow kitchen, putting the finishing touches on chocolate cream pies while a big pot of cheddar cheese soup simmers on the stove.

Soon he'll start paring potatoes and chopping up greens for salads, helping prep for the dinner rush. In a pre-pandemic world, McCallum, who is both owner and chef, would not be doing the kitchen grunt work, but staff shortages have created a new normal.

It'll be crowded at Billy Mac's this Thursday evening in early December, more so than usual because word has gotten out. McCallum, a fixture in Eugene restaurants since 1977, will be hanging up his apron. Dec. 23 is the swan song for Billy Mac's.

Billy Mac's has a low-key bar-and-grill vibe. The first time you step inside you think you could be in any old joint with a video poker back room, a place where they source their food from a prepackaged supplier. Then the server brings you cheese broils, a delicious and gratis appetizer. Then you order the curry chicken soup from the specials board, and it's surprisingly complex in its

flavorings. Is that, what? Saffron? Yes, yes it is.

Then you discover that they have a nice little tempranillo on the wine menu, and you realize that you're not just anywhere. At Billy Mac's everything they serve is made in-house, from the baguettes and grandma's rolls (yes, McCallum's grandmother's recipe) to the chocolate cream pie and bread pudding, dessert staples.

The menu features traditional Northwest fare — pan-fried oysters, prime rib, grilled salmon, various wraps and burgers. The specials board changes nightly. That's where visitors will find a surprisingly nuanced Portuguese chicken soup, or a Greek-inspired snapper, or a delicately simmered seafood stew.

"We try to emulate a French flair but at the same time we want to be a homey place," McCallum says.

McCallum learned his trade at his dad's iconic Treehouse Restaurant, which opened in 1977 and was one of Eugene's premier fine-dining establishments until it closed 22 years later. The senior Bill McCallum, whose six kids all labored one time or another at the restaurant, put 16-year-old Billy to work in the kitchen under French-trained chef Amir Faizi, an exacting teacher, McCallum recalls.

By the time he was 21, McCallum was the Treehouse's head chef. Other chefs who came and went brought techniques and recipes that Billy absorbed over the years.

But he is otherwise self-taught. Eventually, he and his brother Patrick McCallum opened Mac's, the nightclub and restaurant at the Veterans Memorial Building.

In 2008, they bought the former Jake's Place, right beside the Little Y Market at the corner of 19th Avenue and Jefferson, and it became Billy Mac's. The brothers' diverging interests (Billy was about the food and Patrick was about the nightclub) prompted the two to go their separate ways in 2010.

"We said, 'Let's just be brothers,' Patrick McCallum says, "and it was the very best thing for our relationship."

Talk with Billy Mac's customers and you discover the expected dismay.

"I've been coming here for years," says Tom Green, sitting at the bar with friends. "Billy's been by far the best," he adds. "My hope is that he sells it. It's a great low-key place for a quick bite."

"It's great food, reasonably priced," says Jim Hoffman, who likes McCallum's food so much, he's had him as the caterer at two of his children's weddings. "Bill's a great guy. He makes you feel at home."

Hoffman reserved a table for 16 on Billy Mac's last night.

One of Hoffman's friends, Mike Braun, a newcomer to Billy Mac's, is shocked that the restaurant will be shutting down.

"It shouldn't be a one-off," he says. "It's that good."

And it's more than the food, Hoffman and Braun say — the friendly atmosphere, the way the staff have of remembering people and preferences is impressive.

"They know your name, and they make you feel welcome," Hoffman says.

The fact that Billy Mac's survived the pandemic so far makes its closure now seem surprising, but McCallum's health is the problem. At 60, he has congestive heart failure, and his doctors have told him it's time to ease up.

While he'll miss the work and the people, McCallum won't mind owning his day.

"I can get up in the morning and go for a drive, go and read with my grandson," he says.

He says he expects that he'll continue to be engaged in the community — he's been an easy touch for fundraisers for years, catering the annual auction for Marist Catholic High School at a significant discount. And he taught cooking classes at Pepperberries for 20 years. But none of that is in his immediate future. Not right away.

The challenges of the pandemic and the economic uncertainties made the decision to close easier, he says.

As for building itself, it's been home to other restaurants and will likely be again, McCallum says. There's been some interest in the space from others who recognize the value of a neighborhood eatery. But it won't any longer be Billy Mac's.

Susan Palmer is a Eugene freelance writer who lives in the Friendly neighborhood.



HAPPENING PEOPLE

by Paul Neevel

Pranali Garud

"I was a first generation learner," says Pranali Garud, an ex-"untouchable" from a working-class family in a slum in Mumbai, India. "Our parents sent us to an English medium school for girls and boys, with no playground. The monthly fee was low, and free public schools don't teach English." She continued her studies through junior college and three Mumbai universities, earning a bachelor's in journalism and master's degrees in cultural studies and social work. She produced documentary photo and film projects and worked as a radio DJ. She met Lalit Khandare in 2015, they got married two years later, and the couple moved to Eugene in 2018 for his job as a professor at Pacific University. Within weeks of arrival, Pranali began volunteering with local social service agencies: the Relief Nursery, Mike's Closet at Churchill High School and the Center for Community Counseling. "I also

did some counseling for international students from India," she adds, "who were feeling isolation and cultural shock." When COVID came on, she began taking courses at Lane Community College. She especially enjoyed an ESL class offered by Cybele Higgins. "I liked her teaching style," she notes. "I asked her to design courses for underprivileged girls in India." Together with Higgins and Khandare, Garud recruited teachers in Eugene and collaborated with SAKHI, a nonprofit for girls' education in India, to provide tablets and internet access to 16 girls from urban and rural slums in Maharashtra state. The girls attended English Boot Camp, five weeks of intensive online classes and an ongoing workshop for career guidance. Higgins serves as lead teacher for the camp; Garud and Khandare are project managers. "Our project has a dual purpose," Garud explains, "teaching kids in India and training culturally competent teachers locally." To support English Boot Camp, visit CitizenAngel.org.

slant

• **Merry holidays!** As we head into the New Year, we at *Eugene Weekly* just want to say thank you for all the support, snarky Facebook comments, thoughtful letters and ongoing readership. We appreciate you!

• **No City Club of Eugene program this week**, but the good news is that they will be doing in-person programs starting Jan. 7. Attendees will have to give proof of vaccination and wear a mask while in the audience at the new location, First United Methodist Church, 1376 Olive Street in

downtown Eugene. This means that this civic enterprise is going back to asking questions and exchanging ideas face-to-socially distanced face. And remember, meetings are open to the public so anyone can come join the conversation.

• **What we're reading: A Lane County Almanac** by David H. Wagner, author of "It's About Time" column in the *Weekly* and his popular nature calendar. This little book takes you away from the gloom of today into the natural world with both words and Wagner's wonderful illustrations. He gives gardening tips, bird-watching advice, essays and scientific observations on the seasons. Too bad that it is tough to find copies as we'd like to give it as a gift! Wagner tells us a second

printing will happen and books will be available at Down to Earth.

• On Dec. 19, Sen. Joe Manchin, the Democrat from West Virginia who has been a thorn in President Joe Biden's side, said on Fox News that he would vote against the president's Build Back Better social infrastructure legislation. It's a huge blow for the Democratic Party as it heads into the 2022 midterms. **If Biden wants to do something about his party's favorability with Americans, maybe he should use an executive order to cancel up to \$50,000 of student loan debt per individual**, especially as many in the U.S. will start repaying loans starting Feb. 1.

• On Dec. 21, **West Lane County Commissioner Jay Bozievich made**

the surprising announcement that he would not be seeking re-election. His tenure will end January 2023. Bozievich was elected in 2010, back when the Tea Party was running the Republican Party (he even once cosplayed as a Revolutionary-era patriot), and he's stuck to the conservative fads, such as promoting climate skepticism articles to climate advocates. He's claimed that he balanced the county's government, but let's be honest — the county administration probably had a big part in that. Dawn Lesley, who lost by 74 votes in 2014, is now running unopposed for the West Lane County Board of Commissioners seat.

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Failure to Care

Oregon Has Allowed Many Long-Term Care Centers To Escape Accountability For The Covid Deaths of Hundreds of Elderly Residents

By Jack Forrest, Sally Segar and Jassy McKinley

Kathleen Escobar will never forget the day in November 2020 when COVID-19 hit the memory care center where her mother lived.

An aide from Table Rock Memory Care in Medford called to tell Escobar three of the facility's residents had COVID infections. The aide reassured her: Escobar's 88-year-old mother, Peggy James, showed no signs of having COVID.

But the news alarmed Escobar. She lived a few minutes away — she could dash over and bring her mother home until the COVID outbreak at Table Rock ended. The Table Rock aide told her that wouldn't be necessary. The residents with COVID had been isolated. Her mother was safe.

"They acted like it was no big deal," Escobar says. "They were very much like, 'It's all right. Don't worry about it.'"

It wasn't all right. Table Rock failed to contain the outbreak, and within days, the number of cases exploded from a few to 87.

Three days after telling Escobar there was nothing to worry about, Table Rock called back to report her mother now had COVID. "My mother suffered terribly," Escobar says. "She had no idea what was happening to her." On Dec. 3, 2020, Peggy James died from pneumonia brought on by COVID.

Eventually, 19 people died in the COVID outbreak at Table Rock. Escobar says she still struggles with anger toward Table Rock for failing to protect its residents and guilt that she didn't rescue her mother when she had the chance.

"I think about it all the time," she says now. "It was the worst mistake I ever made in my life."

Across Oregon, families such as the Escobars watch helplessly as their loved ones suffer and die from COVID infections raging through the care facilities where they lived.

COVID-19 has proven especially cruel for America's elderly who live in long-term care centers. These facilities include nursing homes, assisted living centers and residential care facilities. In all cases, residents live in close quarters and are served by staff who can spread disease from one room to the next. COVID's swift and ferocious attack on those most vulnerable, such as the elderly, increases the danger.

More than 1,700 residents of Oregon's long-term care centers have died from COVID-related illnesses, state records show. Those deaths are part of a national toll — COVID has killed more than 186,000 long-term care residents. The U.S. number doesn't capture deaths in the past six months. But throughout the pandemic, outbreaks in long-term care centers account for one in every three COVID deaths.

News reports about high death counts in nursing homes and other care centers have made COVID outbreaks sound too common, familiar — even expected.

But these deaths were not inevitable.

Most care facilities followed strict protections against COVID-19 outbreaks. When followed, the rules worked and saved lives.

But other care facilities turned into death houses after their management ignored or broke COVID-19 safety rules. Regardless of the cause of the outbreaks, the state of Oregon's Department of Human Services rushed in to help control the spread of COVID and ensure the care centers were following infection-control rules.

But Oregon has a double standard when it comes to holding accountable long-term care facilities that didn't follow the rules.

Some long-term care facilities that allowed for deadly outbreaks paid a severe price for their lapses.

But far more walked away without any meaningful consequences.

How could that happen?

Oregon nursing homes, which operate under federal rules, have seen more than 625 COVID-related deaths. State officials, who enforce federal rules, have hit nursing homes with more than \$1.5 million in civil penalties, records obtained by *Eugene Weekly* and the Catalyst Journalism Project show.

Federal rules let DHS fine rule-breaking facilities every day an issue goes unfixed, allowing those facilities to rack up fines in the tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars.

But time and again, Oregon DHS declined to issue civil penalties against long-term care facilities that play only under state rules. These facilities include assisted living and residential care centers. DHS officials early on decided they would avoid using civil penalties against these state-licensed care centers. The result: COVID outbreaks killed nearly 1,100 residents in these facilities.

The total civil penalties: A mere \$9,500.

An investigation by *EW* and the Catalyst Journalism Project has found:

- Operating under the state's rules, DHS has levied the \$9,500 in civil penalties against 13 assisted living and residential care facilities that saw 50 deaths from COVID outbreaks since the start of the pandemic. Meanwhile, state officials have levied no fines against 56 other state-licensed care centers where major COVID outbreaks killed 463 Oregonians.

- DHS officials have failed to investigate care centers' inability to control deadly outbreaks. In some cases, DHS officials failed to levy penalties even after inspectors witnessed care facilities ignoring COVID safety rules while an outbreak was killing residents. In the case of Table Rock, where 19 people died, investigators arrived to staff walking around without masks, among other violations. The state issued no civil penalty.

- Nearly 600 people died in care facilities that were facing a second or third COVID outbreak. At least 38 of Oregon's 550 facilities saw a major outbreak bigger than the first. These outbreaks killed 317 residents. Not one of those facilities was fined.

- State rules require care facilities to alert DHS as soon as they identify a COVID outbreak — a requirement intended to curb the virus' spread as quickly as possible. One Klamath Falls care center waited a week before reporting a COVID outbreak that was sweeping through its halls. In all 15 people died. DHS levied a \$1,000 fine.

Top Oregon DHS officials declined to be interviewed for this story. Instead, the agency in a statement says DHS's top priority was to move as quickly as possible to control outbreaks in care centers.

DHS spokeswoman Elisa Williams said in a prepared statement that reporting only on the tiny amount of civil penalties issued against state-licensed facilities is misleading. Doing so, she said, "implies that fines and penalties are the most effective preventive approach in protecting Oregonians and to save lives in a crisis situation when a long-term care facility experienced an outbreak. And, that they are the most financially punitive approach."

But others say DHS's failure to use its authority to hold facilities accountable after the fact underscores a tragic weakness.

While most long-term care residents in Oregon have been vaccinated, the Delta and Omicron variants have helped spark more cases. State records show dozens of outbreaks currently striking long-term care centers have already left 49 people dead.

Fred Steele, Oregon's long-term care ombudsman, says the DHS and Oregon lawmakers need to reform state protections and enforcement powers.

"This is a systemic failure with the way our long-term care system has been structured to keep people safe," says Steele, who serves as Oregon's independent long-term care facility watchdog.

TRAINING DURING A CRISIS

Oregon has fared far better than most states when it came to controlling COVID-19 infections and limiting deaths from the virus. The state's aggressive, early steps to halt public gatherings and require masks has kept the state's overall COVID death rates among the nation's lowest. Oregon has the 14th lowest per capita death rate in the country, according to Kaiser Family Foundation data.

These tough precautions translated to saving lives in care centers, too. Studies have shown that protecting the general population from COVID is the single-biggest factor in preventing infections and deaths in care centers.

But Paula Carder, the director of the Institute on Aging at Portland State University, says she feels Oregon's regulations could have provided more details to guide assisted living and residential care operators during a pandemic.

"Although Oregon was one of a handful of states that mentioned epidemic or pandemic in their regulations, other states were more rigorous in their infection control policies," Carder says.

Williams says nursing homes operate under federal rules that often require civil penalties for failing to meet reporting requirements. Federal penalties are far larger than those allowed by state rules. State rules require more evidence and it can take months to bring a civil penalty against an assisted living or residential care center.

Instead, she says DHS uses "license conditions" that prevent facilities from accepting new residents during the outbreaks. In extreme circumstances, DHS required facilities to hire compliance officers to oversee COVID safety plans. Williams says that many of these requirements were expensive and imposed something of a penalty on these care centers.

"Fines and penalties have significant limitations in a crisis response," Williams says in a statement. "As outlined in Oregon statute and federal regulations, fines and penalties can be minor, take months for due process to play out and require diversion of significant resources during a crisis to both issue and defend." Williams says there's no state rule that allows DHS to levy a civil penalty simply because a facility had a COVID outbreak.

But the state has the authority to investigate and penalize facilities after the fact for COVID safety rule violations that contributed to the spread of an outbreak.

The licensing requirements Williams calls "punitive" nonetheless allow facilities to avoid the public embarrassment of a civil penalty, which creates a black mark on their public records. What's more, DHS officials have frequently cited civil penalties as proof their agency is being tough on facilities — even as the agency in many cases avoided levying the penalties.

"The loss of life, as well as personal connections with loved ones, has been devastating," Williams says in the statement. "We continue to grieve for all the lives lost and are committed to always working to improve our response as the challenges of the pandemic continue to evolve."

But imposing expensive safety protocols is not the same as issuing civil penalties and formal sanctions that place a black mark on a facility's permanent record.

Toby Edelman, a senior policy attorney for the Center for Medicare Advocacy, says too many states took the collaborative approach too far during the pandemic and failed to use their regulatory muscle when so many lives were at stake.

"Survey agencies were doing a lot more assisting and training and helping facilities," Edelman says. "Which is basically not their responsibility to be teaching them and training them, they're supposed to be regulatory agencies and enforcing the law."

She says she fears state agencies will continue this conciliatory approach to rule-breaking care centers after the pandemic. "That's alarming to me," she says.

CAUGHT OFF GUARD

Americans saw just how swift and deadly COVID could be in care facilities in February 2020, when the Life Care Center nursing home in Kirkland, Washington, saw the first major care facility outbreak in the U.S. In the end, more than 37 of the facility's 130 residents died. The facility racked up more than \$600,000 in fines from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services after investigators found the facility failed to follow many infection-control and case-reporting guidelines.

The Kirkland case got international news media coverage, but its death toll has since been eclipsed by outbreaks in care centers around the U.S. that have killed 186,000 or more residents as of June 2021. More than a hundred facilities in the U.S. have had outbreaks that killed more residents than Kirkland's.

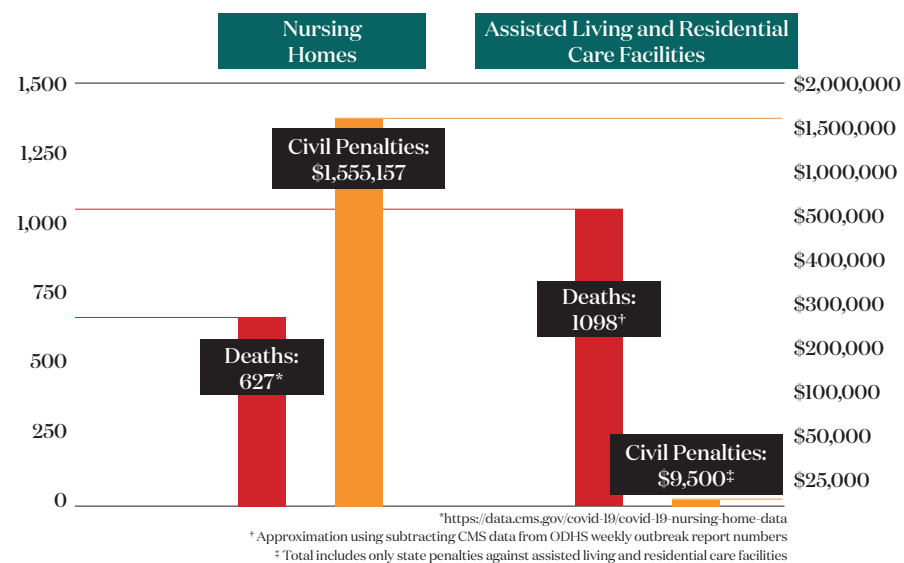
One early outbreak that nearly matched Kirkland's death toll was here in Oregon: Health Care at Foster Creek, a 114-bed nursing facility near Portland where 36 people died from a March 2020 outbreak. The state moved out residents and pulled Foster Creek's license, effectively closing the facility in May 2020. The state found violations of federal rules and levied a \$294,840 civil penalty — by far the biggest in Oregon during the pandemic.

But a July 2020 investigation by *The Oregonian/OregonLive* found the state's response to this initial crisis was slow and chaotic. DHS regulators sat nine days on alarming reports that the facility was failing to adopt infection control guidelines needed to protect residents, the investigation found.

A report released in March 2021 by the Oregon Audits Division found Oregon officials had not been prepared for a pandemic — and that they should have been. The elderly in care facilities are always more at risk of infectious diseases. State officials had dealt with an H1N1 flu pandemic in 2009 and should have known another pandemic was inevitable.

"Despite the hundreds of norovirus and flu outbreaks that have occurred in the state's long-term care facilities over recent years," the report says, "Oregon appeared caught off-guard initially by how to respond to COVID-19 outbreaks in those facilities."

The Foster Creek outbreak was still exploding, and state officials were still figuring out how to respond when warning signs flared at Marquis at Hope Village in Canby, a



166-resident facility that offers skilled nursing, assisted living and a memory care unit. In April 2020, a worker at Marquis at Hope Village reported witnessing violations of COVID protection rules to DHS. Employees were coming to work despite having COVID symptoms. Staff went in and out of resident rooms without face masks. And maskless workers ignored social-distancing guidelines.

The whistleblower, Erica Moreno, had already reported what she'd seen to Marquis at Hope Village's management. The response: CDC COVID guidelines were "only recommendations" and that Moreno was "paranoid and overreacting," according to a lawsuit Moreno later filed against the company.

DHS officials investigated Moreno's claims, twice inspecting Marquis at Hope Village and finding no problem with infection control, according to public records obtained by *EW* and Catalyst.

Two months later, Marquis at Hope Village reported a COVID outbreak that led to 18 deaths and 113 infections, according to OHA data. The deaths climbed to 26 after Marquis at Hope Village saw another outbreak in November.

After the outbreaks, DHS officials reported they found deficiencies at Marquis at Hope Village. In one case, staff failed to screen state inspectors for COVID — even though employees knew DHS officials were there to investigate how well the facility was following rules.

Even as the death count grew at Marquis at Hope Village, DHS officials chose not to levy civil penalties. Instead, the state required the facility to show its employees YouTube videos of CDC-created slideshows on COVID.

Moreno's lawyer, Christina Stephenson, says she sees the state's response as lax, especially after her client's warnings and the 26 deaths related to the Marquis at Hope Village outbreaks.

Residents "deserved the utmost protection by both the state and Marquis and that didn't happen here," Stephenson says. "If [Marquis] doesn't suffer even the most basic consequences for their actions, then what is preventing them from doing it even worse?"

A HIDDEN OUTBREAK

Oregon defines an outbreak in long-term care facilities as three or more confirmed COVID cases or one or more COVID deaths. Those rules require that facilities immediately report outbreaks to health officials, allowing DHS to send in a team of surveyors who make sure the facility is doing all it can to make sure the outbreak is controlled.

But state officials can't do any of these things if a care center conceals that it's experiencing a COVID outbreak.

That's what happened at Pelican Pointe Assisted Living & Memory Care in Klamath Falls.

On Dec. 29, 2020, records show, state officials discovered Pelican Pointe's memory care unit had hidden a major outbreak with 21 cases for at least a week.

State officials arrived to find that, despite having an outbreak sweeping through the facility, Pelican Pointe residents were not wearing masks and staff were not wearing required goggles or face shields. Nor was Pelican Pointe screening visitors as required — the state inspector was allowed into the facility without being screened and had to ask staff to take their temperature.

It took more than two weeks before DHS took action against Pelican Pointe, declaring residents were in "immediate jeopardy" because of the outbreak.

By then, eight people at Pelican Pointe had already died and the number of infections had jumped to 47. And things only got worse. In all, the Pelican Pointe outbreak killed 15 people and infected 60.

Early action to stop an outbreak saves lives. Michael Wasserman, geriatrician and former president of the California Association of Long Term Care Medicine, says concealing an outbreak — and in effect refusing the state's help to control the infections — is "reckless."

"To have an outbreak and not to report it immediately — immediately — is just unfathomable to me," Wasserman says. "What about the families? What about the other residents? How are you valuing the lives of the folks you're supposed to be responsible for?"

Pelican Pointe is run by Frontier Management, based in Portland and Dallas, Texas, which manages more than 120 care centers in 19 states.

Andrea Fitzgerald, vice president of Frontier Management for southern Oregon operations, and other Frontier officials would not provide comment after repeated

calls, texts and emails.

The state of Oregon had the chance to hold Pelican Pointe accountable for failing to report the outbreak.

So what did DHS officials do after 15 people died?

They levied a civil penalty for \$1,000.

State officials declined to answer specifically as to why Pelican Pointe escaped with such a small penalty, given the severity of the violation and the consequences for its residents.

Steele, the state's long-term care ombudsman, says the penalty falls far short of matching the severity of the violation.

"This is a building that is licensed by the state to provide care to older adults, vulnerable adults, people with disabilities," Steele says. "And this facility chose to try to hide the situation. Is the \$1,000 enough of a penalty? I would say no."

LESSONS NOT LEARNED

More than 300 long-term care centers have seen multiple COVID outbreaks. Experts say repeated outbreaks alone are not a sign the facility is failing to follow guidelines. But second or third outbreaks that turn out to be deadlier than the first can indicate the facility failed to learn lessons, or the state regulators failed to enforce COVID safety standards. Perhaps both.

In Oregon, these second or third outbreaks often proved far more deadly than the first wave. Most of the major outbreaks in all Oregon care centers, when five or more people died, hit after the facility had already resolved a smaller outbreak.

Records reviewed by *EW* and Catalyst found 38 cases in which subsequent outbreaks at facilities turned out to be deadlier than the first and killed at least five people. Those repeat outbreaks led to at least 317 deaths.

Oregon DHS has not levied a single civil penalty against any of them.

Take the perplexing case of Gracelen Terrace, an 80-bed nursing facility in Portland.

Gracelen experienced an outbreak in July 2020 that caused 11 infections, according to state reports. During the outbreak, state inspectors found repeated deficiencies in following safety and infection control guidelines. The deficiencies included staff failing to provide residents with masks, keeping residents at safe distances in the dining hall, and failing to wash their hands after working with protective equipment.

No one died in that outbreak. But DHS officials issued a \$12,870 penalty.

In September 2020, Gracelen convinced DHS officials it was in compliance with infection-control rules and reopened its doors to new residents.

Within three weeks, Gracelen Terrace had a second COVID outbreak, this one far worse than before. It rolled on for three months, killing 18 people and infecting 112.

Despite the deaths, the state has no plans to issue a civil penalty against Gracelen for the deadly second outbreak.

How is it possible that a facility gets a large fine for an outbreak in which no one dies, but no penalty for a subsequent outbreak that left 18 people dead?

DHS officials say they found no violations in the second outbreak — a claim experts find incredible.

Steele says the first outbreak shows that the infection-control measures worked, even though the state hit Gracelen with a major civil penalty. He says the 18 deaths in the second outbreak shows the system failed.

"Protocols were known to keep them safe, and that didn't happen," Steele says. "Quite simply it makes me angry."

Wasserman agrees. "When you see the state came in, cited folks, walked away, then [the facility] had another big outbreak again," he says, "that calls me to question the effectiveness of our approach to oversight. And I think that's a huge question that we need to address."

State corporation records show Gracelen is owned by H&L Care Centers Inc., based in Portland. *EW* reached out to Gracelen Terrace officials more than 10 times via email and phone with no response.

EW also asked H&L President Linda Pickering for comment over email and phone several times but did not receive a response.

ROCK BOTTOM

This disconnect between the death toll and the lack of consequences for facilities shows up most often with Oregon memory care centers.

A memory care center can be any type of facility that has additional security and safety measures for residents with dementia. They can pose additional challenges to prevent the spread of disease — residents often wander, making social distancing difficult, and they need to be reminded to wear masks.

The Oregon Audits Division report from March found that Oregon's memory care centers were seeing twice the number of deaths per 100,000 residents. The audit report noted the challenges for these facilities, but also adds that "given that outbreaks are still occurring after nearly a year of educational efforts, more proactive actions, including financial penalties, may be necessary to ensure that facilities are complying with infection control protocols."

Perhaps the clearest example — and one of the deadliest — is the one at Table Rock Memory Care, the memory care facility in Medford where Kathleen Escobar's mother, Peggy James, was infected. The initial report of Table Rock's outbreak, cited in a Nov. 12, 2020, report from the Oregon Health Authority, listed eight infections and no deaths.

State inspectors arrived to find repeated failures to protect residents. A heavily redacted Nov. 9, 2020, report released by the state to *EW* and Catalyst under the Oregon public records law shows state officials worried that Table Rock lacked the staff to handle the crisis. The report also shows the facility lacked adequate protective gear and sanitation protocols.

So many Table Rock residents and employees got sick that state inspectors refused to go back inside. Instead, state surveyors did reviews by phone. When they did go back inside on Nov. 23, 2020, state inspectors found continued problems with Table Rock's infection control. While the outbreak continued, state inspectors witnessed a staff member without a mask emerge from an isolation unit and walk through the lobby.

In the end, the outbreak infected 113 people and killed 19, including Peggy James, Escobar's mother.

Table Rock is owned and operated by Frontier Management, the same for-profit company that owns Pelican Pointe. Frontier Management would not discuss Table Rock despite *EW* and Catalyst's repeated requests.

For all the deaths — and Table Rock's disregard for safety precautions witnessed by state inspectors — DHS never issued a civil penalty.

State officials say that, during the outbreak, they compelled Table Rock to hire an infection control consultant, change its executive leadership and increase staffing. DHS officials claim they saw improvement in infection control, even as the outbreak grew to become the second most lethal in the state.

But DHS officials say they have no plans to hold Table Rock accountable for the violations that took place as the outbreak raged.

"It's devastating to hear that 19 people died. What's the accountability?" says Carder, the director of the Institute on Aging. "If you think of civil penalties and regulatory deficiencies as a way of having accountability, then where is it?" ▲

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Vintage '60s and '70s soul — feel good music — comes to the Hult Center Dec. 28 with the Seattle-based **Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio**. Lamarr, who had played drums and trumpet, picked up the intricacies of the organ quickly at age 22 by observing Joe Doria, a nationally known organist-keyboardist who also is from Seattle. Lamarr's trio, founded in 2015 and known as DLO3, has released a pair of albums and have played at festivals, including the Detroit and Monterey jazz festivals. Joining Lamarr on stage is guitarist Jimmy James and drummer Daniel "Vanilla" Weiss. The trio, one critic notes, plays with a "magnetic swagger that won't let go."

The Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio performs 7:30 pm Tuesday, Dec. 28 at the Hult Center's Soreng Theater, part of the Hult's ongoing 10x10 series. Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at HultCenter.org. — *Dan Buckwalter*

GENERAL

ART EXHIBITS

Exhibit: Paintings by Jonathan Short, inspired by nature (thru Dec. 30), Eugene Public Library.

Oregon Wetlands: Beauty in the Ordinary w/ Russell Tomlin (thru Dec. 30), Donald R. Dexter, Jr., DMD, LLC, 2233 Willamette St, Ste. B.

Turning the/into Tools (thru Dec. 31), NewZone Gallery, 110 E. 11th Ave.

Greg Giesy - The Serendipitous Photographer (thru Jan. 13), The O'Brien Gallery, 2833 Willamette St.

Adam Grosowsky: Every Now and Every Then (thru Jan. 15), Karin Clarke Gallery, 760 Willamette St.

Exhibition of the painter Tallafe (thru Jan. 15), Eugene Hotel, 222 E. Broadway.

Small Treasures: Mezzotints by Hamanishi Katsunori / Etchings by Tanaka Ryohai (thru Jan. 15), White Lotus Gallery, 767 Willamette St.

Art Heals (thru Feb. 26), Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Ln, UO.

Ron Jude: 12 Hz (thru March 13), Jordan Schnitzer Museum of Art, 1430 Johnson Ln, UO.

GATHERINGS

Christmas Tree Pickup Fundraiser, Scouts BSA Troop 182 (thru Jan. 30). More info at Trees182.com.

Job Search Help by appointment at the downtown Eugene Public Library. Call 541-686-7985 to schedule.

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 23

DANCE

Eugene Ballet's *The Nutcracker*, 7:30 pm, Hult Ctr. \$15-60.

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NAMILane.org, 7-8:30pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILY

Library Storytime, 10:30 or 11:30am, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing through Discussion Support Group (via Zoom), 9:30-11am, HealingAttention.org. \$15.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$3.

MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market's Holiday Market, 10am-6pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave.

MUSIC

Eugene Holiday Market Main Stage: Gabe Schliffer, fiddle & cello, 10:30am; TBA, 11:30am; Petri Dish, folk rock, 12:30pm; Red Pajamas, folk rock, 1:30pm; RIFFLE, rock, 3pm; The Huckleberrys, roots-blues, 5pm. Holiday Court Stage: Dharmika, singer-songwriter, 11am; Dave Norman, acoustic rock, 2pm; Manna Grace, reggae, 4pm. Lane Events Ctr, 796 W. 13th Ave. No cover.

John Ship Duo, acoustic, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards, 907 E. 3rd Ave. No cover.

Storm Tipton, country, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. No cover.

Dan Gaynor - Piano Series #2, 7:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$35.

Caitie Rose's Dirty 30 ft. DJ Smuve, country, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. No price listed.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM.

Merry Beatles, A Cool Yule With The Fab Four, 8pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

RECREATION

Trivia w/ Elliot Martinez, 6-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on Facebook). FREE.

Quality Trivia, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Braggot Brewery on Commercial St. FREE.

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave. FREE.

THEATER

Death at the Pole, musical w/ Pegasus Playhouse, 2pm & 7pm, Wildish Theater, 630 Main St, Spfd. \$15.

FRIDAY

DECEMBER 24

LECTURES/CLASSES

Trans & Disability Group, 2-3pm, TransponderCommunity.org. FREE.

Expression Through Art (via Zoom), 4-5pm. More info at HealingAttention.org. \$15.

MARKETS

Eugene Saturday Market's Holiday Market, 10am-4pm, Lane Events Ctr., 796 W. 13th Ave.

MUSIC

Eugene Holiday Market Main Stage: Sarah Lavender, harp & singing, 10:30am; 3rd Act Music, swing jazz, 11:30am; Dave Norman, acoustic rock, 12:30pm; The Joe Goodwin Project, modern rock, 1:30pm; NeverEver Band w/ Jesse Boden, folk rock, 3pm. Holiday Court Stage: David Rogers, western, 11am; SemiSweet, vocal duet & recorder. Lane Events Ctr, 796 W. 13th Ave. No cover.

A Big Dirty Christmas Eve Party, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. No price listed.

NIGHTLIFE

Winter Holiday Laser Adventure & Nutcracker

Fantasy laser shows, 5pm, Eugene Science Ctr, 2300 Leo Harris Pkwy. \$7.

Church of 80s X-Mas Eve w/ DJ John the Revelator & DJ Jenn Drake, 6-11pm, BlairAlly, 245 Blair Blvd. FREE.

SPIRITUAL

Eugene Insight Meditation Community Practice Session, 10-11am, EugeneInsight.com. FREE.

SATURDAY

DECEMBER 25

MERRY CHRISTMAS

NIGHTLIFE

Christmas Day w/ DJ Mel, 6-11pm, BlairAlly, 245 Blair Blvd. \$5.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER 26

DANCE

The Nocturne Revue Burlesque, 9pm, The Drake, 77 W. Broadway. \$5.

GATHERINGS

Burrito Brigade, 11am-4pm. More info at BurritoBrigade.org. FREE.

Weekly give away of free stuff, 11am-1pm, The Quail's Nest Mini Storage, C4, 90010 Prairie Rd. Call 541-650-4662 to make sure the event is happening.

HEALTH

Occupy Medical, noon-4pm, 1717 Centennial Blvd, Spfd.

MUSIC

Irish Jam, 4pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. No cover.

Eastside Sunday Jam, 6pm, Twisted River Saloon, 1444 Main St, Spfd.

ON THE AIR

Radiolab, 10am, KLCC, 89.7 FM

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 4:30pm, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave. FREE.

Eugene Insight Meditation via Zoom, 6:30pm, Eugene-Insight.com. FREE.

MONDAY

DECEMBER 27

COMEDY

Stand-Up Open Mic, 8pm, Slice Pizzeria and Bar, 325 Blair Blvd. FREE.

GATHERINGS

Holidays Have You Spinning? (yoga fusion w/ yoga therapy), 10am, Core Star Ctr, 439 W. 2nd Ave. \$10 per person per class.

Birch Center Community Visiting Hour, 4-5pm, Our Community Birth Ctr, 188 W. B St, bldg. O, Spfd. FREE.

Adult Children Of Dysfunctional Families Recovery Group, 7-8pm. See bit.ly/eug-aca or email Sage.Liskey@gmail.com. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILY

Eugene Public Library Fun of the Week: Kids Kits, all day at all library locations. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Fundamentals of beginning yoga, all day, VistaPsych.com. FREE.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2-5.

NIGHTLIFE

Karaoke, 9pm, Monkey's Paw, 420 Main St, Spfd. FREE.

ON THE AIR

"Swervin' In My Lane," 4-6pm, KOCF, 92.7 FM

RECREATION

Trivia, 6:30pm, The Study at Public House, 418 A St, Spfd. FREE.

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 28

COMEDY

Amuesdays - Comedy w/ Chaz Logan Hyde, 8pm, Luckey's 933 Olive St. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILY

Pajama Storytime in person, 6:30pm, Eugene Public Library. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Gentle Restorative Yoga w/ Robert, 10-11am, HealingAttention.org. \$15.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2-5.

Meditations for Inner Peace, 6-7:30pm, Ashtanga Yoga Eugene, 825 Monroe St. \$5-10.

The Church Weekly Figure Art Sessions, 6-9pm, The Church, 810 W. 3rd Ave. \$60 pre-paid for 10 sessions or \$8 drop-in.

LITERARY ARTS

StoryHelix Submission Deadline!, all day. More info at StoryHelix.WordCrafters.org.

TransPonder Book Club, 5-6pm, TransponderCommunity.org. FREE.

MUSIC

Jen Tucker, folk, 6:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St, Spfd. No cover.

Rooster's Blues Jam, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant & Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. No cover.

Delvon Lamarr Organ Trio, soul-jazz, 7:30pm, Hult Ctr. \$10.

Bluegrass Jam, 8:30pm, Sam Bond's, 407 Blair Blvd. No cover.

RECREATION

Quality Trivia, 6:30pm, Coldfire Brewing, 263 Mill St. FREE.

Trivia Tuesdays w/ Geo, 7pm, Beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. FREE.

WEDNESDAY

DECEMBER 29

GATHERINGS

Birch Center Community Visiting Hour, 2-3pm, Our Community Birth Ctr, 188 W. B St, bldg. O, Spfd. FREE.

NAMI Connection Peer Support Group, 6:30-9pm, NAMILane.org. FREE.

KIDS/FAMILY

Library Storytime online, 11:30am, Eugene library Facebook. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. \$2-5.

Nia: Moving to Heal, 3-4pm, HealingAttention.org. \$15.

Gender Diverse Yoga, 5:30-6:30pm, Transponder. Community. FREE

New Zone Weekly Figure Art Sessions, 6:15-9pm, The New Zone Gallery, 110 E. 11th Ave. \$60 for 10 sessions or \$8 drop-in.

MUSIC

Scott Austin, country, 6:30pm, The Public House, 418 A St, Spfd. No cover.

Polyrhythmics, progressive funk, 7:30pm, Sessions Lounge, 44 E. 7th Ave. \$20.

New Years Week Kickoff w/ DJ Smuve, 9pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. No price listed.

ON THE AIR

"Come Together Oregon," 6-6:30pm, KEPW, 97.3 FM

RECREATION

Trivia, 7-9pm, Tap & Growler, 207 E. 5th Ave. FREE.

SPECTATOR SPORTS

College football: Oklahoma vs. Oregon, Alamo Bowl, 6:15pm. ESPN.

SPIRITUAL

Eugene Insight Meditation Community Practice Session, 10-11am, EugeneInsight.com. FREE.

THURSDAY

DECEMBER 30

COMEDY

Sam Miller, 8pm, The Big Dirty, 844 Olive St. \$10.

HEALTH

NAMI Family Support Zoom Group @ NAMILane.org, 7-8:30pm. RSVP at NAMILane.org. FREE.

LECTURES/CLASSES

Healing through Discussion Support Group (via Zoom), 9:30-11am, HealingAttention.org. \$15.

Lunchtime Meditation, noon-12:30pm. More info at MeditateInEugene.org. FREE-\$3.

MUSIC

Anya Lecuyer Trio, R&B-soul, 6pm, Territorial Vineyards, 907 E. 3rd Ave. No cover.

The Traceys, folk-bluegrass, 6:30pm, Mac's Restaurant and Nightclub, 1626 Willamette St. No cover.

Possible Human Origins, blues, 7pm, beergarden, 777 W. 6th Ave. No cover.

Lisa Forkish: Music for Collective Healing, 7:30pm, The Jazz Station, 124 W. Broadway. \$20.

NIGHTLIFE

Karaoke, 6pm, Slice Pizzeria and Bar, 3425 Blair Blvd. FREE.

Karaoke. 9pm, Monkey's Paw, 420 Main St, Spfd. FREE.

ON THE AIR

"The Point," 9am, KOPV, 88.0 FM.

Thursday eKLeCtic, 8-10pm, KLCC, 89.7 FM.

"Arts Journal," 9pm, Comcast channel 29.

RECREATION

Trivia w/ Elliot Martinez, 6-8pm, Covered Bridge Brewing Group in Cottage Grove (weather permitting; more info on Facebook). FREE.

Quality Trivia, 6:30-8:30pm, Viking Braggot Brewery on Commercial St. FREE.

SPECTATOR SPORTS

College men's basketball: Pepperdine vs. Oregon, 6pm, Matt Knight Arena. Tickets at GoDucks.com. Pac-12 Network

SPIRITUAL

Zen Meditation, 7-8am, Blue Cliff Zen Ctr, 352 W. 12th Ave. FREE.

Driving Ambition

SEATTLE INTERNATIONAL COMEDY COMPETITION FINALIST PERFORMS IN EUGENE

By Will Kennedy

Comedian Sam Miller is on his way to pick up another comic in Federal Way, Washington, taxiing the stand-up a few hundred miles back to Miller's hometown, Olympia, for a show later that evening.

The constant driving is what Miller dislikes most about his new full-time gig as a working stand-up comic—that, and the constant emailing and navigating different producers and agents, booking DIY comedy tours all around Washington state and up and down the West Coast. One of those shows will be Dec. 30 at The Big Dirty in Eugene.

The stage time, of course, is what Miller loves.

"I respect the art form of stand-up comedy," he says, speaking on a hands-free device while in the car. "I love stand-up so much because it's the most approachable form of performing art there is. I love the idea that it's so fucking simple, but so fucking hard at the same time. You're essentially by yourself up there alone. Any victory is your victory; any failure is your failure."

Married and a father of two, Miller's been doing comedy for about eight years—though, as a livelihood, only since July of this year. He was recently a finalist in the Seattle International Comedy Competition, a prestigious month-long event where big names have performed and won in the past, including Mitch Hedberg, Christopher Titus and Ron Funches. Miller's respectable second place finish stands to greatly boost his profile in the comedy scene.

Miller came to comedy from rehab, having spent some time living unhoused and with a criminal record.

"People said I should try to do comedy. I was like, that's stupid," he remembers. "Then I did it, and I wound up loving it. I'm impulsive. The minute I did it, I thought, I'm

going to do this for the rest of my life. I was worried I was going to get a divorce. That was my first thought when I got off stage," he says.

"I believe that for a lot of folks, myself included, humor is a survival strategy. When I was incarcerated or in rehab, or when I was on the streets, I could lose large chunks of my life at any time, pieces of myself, but I could always talk shit—I could always run my mouth. I did it so much, I got good at it."

Besides listening to podcasts, Miller works and reworks material on those long, late-night drives after shows, drawing mostly from his personal life and history of substance abuse. He brings loose concepts to the stage, where he finishes them off, letting things flow, and without much of a setlist.

Making it as a full-time comic is tough, Miller says, but it's nothing compared to parenthood.

"Being a dad is the hardest thing I've ever done in my life," he says. "When people hear that I used to smoke meth and fight cops and that I've been to jail, they're like—that was hard. No, I'm good at that. It's hard when I get a call from a teacher at my kid's school and I don't know what to do. Smoking meth and being wild—they're things I regret, but I was pretty good at it."

Debuting new material, Miller's Eugene show is the first stop on a short tour. "My new stuff is great," he says. "I go hard. It's going to be wild. I got some new shit that's pretty dark but kind of beautiful, too." And if dark and beautiful is your favorite kind of stand-up comedy, Miller says, "I got you, bro." ■

Hosted by Eugene comic Jamie Colson with local comedians Rudy Tyburczy, Seth Milstein and Chadhurst Sharpe supporting, Sam Miller performs 8 pm Thursday, Dec. 30, at The Big Dirty; \$10, 21+, masks required.



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In Flight on the Last Night of 2021

BALLET FANTASTIQUE'S **ARRIVALS: RIO** PREMIERES AT THE HULT CENTER FOLLOWED BY A NYE AFTERPARTY

By Jenna Comstock

Ballet Fantastique has defined itself by creative originality and fearless collaboration over the last decade, with the company's founding mother-daughter team, Donna and Hannah Bontrager, bringing more than 100 original works into the company's repertoire since its founding in 2010.

On New Year's Eve, *Arrivals: Rio* premieres at the Hult Center's Silva Concert Hall, bringing musicians, artists and, of course, BFan's dancers together to take the audience on a tour of Brazil and Argentina.

Arrivals: Rio features the work of four choreographers, including the late Valéria da Costa Ball, whose pieces "Amazon Awakenings" and "Walls" will be performed. Born in Rio de Janeiro, da Costa Ball believed that a performance should be an immersive experience.

Hannah and Donna first met da Costa Ball through the University of Oregon dance department. "Ballet Fantastique has always been passionate about collaboration," Hannah says. The company first collaborated with da Costa Ball in 2005, and fell in love with the way she worked.

"She was always asking, 'How can there be something in the lobby that pulls the audience out,' to really create an experience for everyone inside the theater," Hannah says of da Costa Ball. *Arrivals: Rio*, which has been in the works for three years now because of the pandemic, seeks to bring together the voices and visions of many artists to create a truly immersive experience like what da Costa Ball always strove for.

"It is an homage to her," Hannah says. "When you walk into the Hult Center there's music playing. At the bar there's a Brazilian-style cocktail you can order." The signal for the audience to take their seats "will actually be an airline announcement, 'Please take your seats, your flight is about to board.'"

"The show is unique because it involves so many different artforms," Donna says. "There's live music, there's set designs from an artist we've been working with in Seattle [Milla Oliveira], and the narration."

"And the projections," Hannah adds, referring to a set design project principal dancer Gustavo Ramirez has been working on where he uses aerial drone footage to set the scene of the tour. Collaborating with other artists in the community drives BFan's overarching goal to do something new, and always be drawing new audience members in addition to the longtime attendees.

The live music Hannah refers to when audience members walk into the Hult Center will be put on by Samba Ja, a local Afro-Brazilian percussion group that has been performing danceable street music in the Eugene area for more than 20 years. The pre-show party will take place only on the night of the NYE performance, and is free to attend.



ESPERANZA MONTERO AND GUSTAVO RAMIREZ

Photo By Bob Williams

Arrivals: Rio also features live music from Bossanaire, a traditional bossa nova group featuring lead singers Laurie Hammond and Mallory Glaser, and music from Juan Cruz Luqui, an Argentinean composer, producer and artist. Luqui is coming from Los Angeles to play the ronroco, a South American stringed instrument with a low baritone sound, on stage alongside the dancers.

Collaborating with artists living in other states has posed its challenges during the pandemic, but the Bontragers agree that living in a pandemic world has actually strengthened the making of the performance in many ways.

"We've added a lot to enhance the experience," Donna says. Narrations in between dance pieces and set projections featuring aerial drone shots will make the audience feel like they are truly on a tour of South America with BFan's cast. Hannah describes Ramirez's process in creating the set projections, where he takes an image from Google Maps and knits it together with aerial drone footage, as "a game changer."

"He takes us from the Hult Center all the way to Rio," she says. "So it really looks like what you'd see out your window."

A principal dancer with BFan since 2016, Ramirez wears many hats in this production. He plays the role of Machado, the tour guide who takes an American couple through Brazil and Argentina, to the streets during Carnival and the beaches of Ipanema. He describes how dancing in the performance makes him "more aware of what's happening on stage" when deciding how to time the projections, such as with the fireworks that go off with a dancer's jump.

Ramirez will DJ the after-party on New Year's Eve, which also features live music from Bossanaire. The after-party will include light Latin fare from Shield Bistro, and a midnight champagne toast to the new year led by Brittany Quick-Warner, CEO of Eugene Area Chamber of Commerce, which partnered with BFan on this project.

This will be BFan's first premiere since before the pandemic, and the Bontragers describe the sheer elation they and their dancers are feeling as they gear up to perform at the Hult Center.

Hannah describes cultivating fun and intrigue in putting *Arrivals: Rio* together. "It's immersive," she says. "We want to mesmerize and uplift the community with the art we create."

But it's also distanced," she says of the seating in Silva Hall. "It's responsible but we don't want you to have to think about the fact that we're in a pandemic. *Arrivals* is an escape." ■

Arrivals: Rio premieres 8:30 pm Friday, Dec. 31, at the Hult Center's Silva Hall. Tickets \$22-\$75. Pre-show party 8 pm, free admission. After-party 10:30 pm, tickets \$35, sold separately. Matinee performance 2:30 pm Sunday, Jan. 2. Tickets \$12-62. Proof of vaccination or negative COVID test within 48 hours required for entry. More details on tickets and NYE after party at hultcenter.org/BalletFantastique-Arrivals.

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Across

- 1 "The Lord of the Rings" army members
5 Hosp. employee
8 "First Blood" figure
13 Spring's opposite, in tides
14 "I'm onto your scheme, forwards and backwards!"
15 "The Miracle Worker" subject
16 Vesuvius's Sicilian counterpart
17 Mix-and-match
19 City where the Demon Deacons play home games
21 Wine bouquet
22 "SNL" cast member who plays Dionne Warwick
26 Strong longing
27 Okra unit
29 Grammy winner Erykah
30 Prepare eggs, in a way
32 Title words preceding "Cooking," "Painting," and
"Missing Out"
33 Prokofiev orchestral work often played at children's concerts
38 Angelic instruments
39 Slander counterpart
40 Fabric or liquid finisher?
41 Acronym for a drone-like robotic unit used for underwater research
42 Far from outgoing
45 Reason for optimism
50 Lauder of cosmetics fame
52 Movie (with a 2021 sequel) that features the characters in the circles
54 Burpee item that may yield a bunch
57 Can't pay up
58 Perfect examples
59 Bollywood actress Aishwarya ____
60 Get higher
61 "The Silence of the Lambs" director Jonathan

- 62 Causes of some EMT calls
63 Piano layout

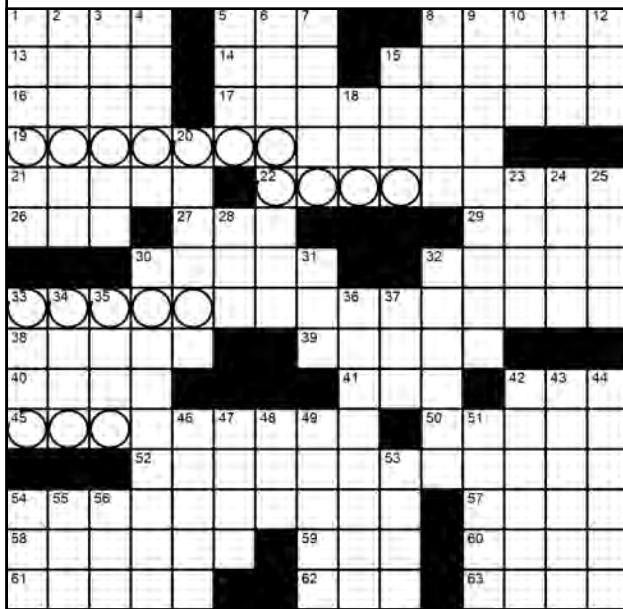
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- 1 Like many downtown streets, directionally
2 Leave some work?
3 "1812 Overture" sound effect
4 Hiccup, for example
5 Totally unhelped
6 Did with minimal effort, so to speak
7 Disclaimer for some seasoning blends
8 Get more InStyle, e.g.
9 Game scheduled for December 29, 2021 (Ducks vs. Sooners)
10 Orioles' org.
11 Actress Powley of "The King of Staten Island"
12 ____-Ida (Tater Tots maker)
15 Potter's appliance
18 Chinese dumpling, or

"Something Strange"

-it's their calling.

- a 2018 Pixar short named for one
20 Becomes narrower
23 "Banana Boat Song" shout
24 Object of devotion
25 Hand-warming tube
28 Plant gametes
30 Restore from brainwashing
31 The "bad" cholesterol, for short
32 Valet in P.G. Wodehouse novels
33 "____ Lap" (1983 racehorse film set in Australia)
34 "I'm hungry enough to ____ horse!"
35 Hall of Fame QB Aikman
36 Edge that sits on a car wheel
37 "And Just Like That ..." network
42 Cartoon kid who says "What the deuce?"
43 Doctrinal rejection
44 Affirmative votes
46 Violin aperture shaped like a curvy letter
47 Red-____ (cinnamon candies)
48 CIA forerunner during WWII
49 Prefix with dactyl
51 Long-legged bird
53 Big name in gluten-free bread
54 El ____ (Spanish national hero)
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FREE WILL ASTROLOGY

BY ROB BREZSNY

ARIES (MARCH 21-APRIL 19): Historians disagree about the legacy of Jimmy Carter, who was President of the United States from 1977 to 1981. Was he effective or not? Opinions differ. But there's no ambiguity about a project he pursued after his presidency. He led a global effort to eliminate a pernicious disease caused by the guinea worm parasite. When Carter began his work, 3.5 million people per year suffered from the parasite's debilitating effects. Today, there are close to zero victims. Will 2022 bring an equivalent boon to your life, Aries? The banishment of an old bugaboo? A monumental healing? I suspect so.

TAURUS (APRIL 20-MAY 20): In 2022, I hope you will express more praise than ever before. I hope you'll be a beacon of support and inspiration for the people you care for. The astrological omens suggest this could be a record-breaking year for the blessings you bestow. Don't underestimate your power to heal and instigate beneficial transformations. Yes, of course, it's a kind and generous strategy for you to carry out. But it will also lead to unforeseen rewards that will support and inspire and heal you.

GEMINI (MAY 21-JUNE 20): If you search Google, you'll be told that the longest biography ever written is the 24-volume set about British political leader Winston Churchill. But my research shows there's an even more extensive biography: about Japan's Emperor Hirohito, who lived from 1901 to 1989. His story consists of 61 volumes. In the spirit of these expansive tales, and in accordance with 2022's astrological aspects, I encourage you to create an abundance of noteworthy events that will deserve inclusion in your biography. Make this the year that warrants the longest and most interesting chapter in that masterpiece.

CANCER (JUNE 21-JULY 22): One of the 20th century's most famous works of art was *Fountain*. It was scandalous when it appeared in 1917, since it consisted entirely of a white porcelain urinal. Marcel Duchamp, the artist who presented it, was a critic of the art market and loved mocking conventional thought. Years later, however, evidence emerged suggesting that *Fountain* may not have been Duchamp's idea — that in fact he “borrowed” it from Cancerian artist and poet Baroness Elsa von Freytag-Loringhoven. There's still disagreement among art scholars about what the facts are. But if definitive proof ever arrives that von Freytag-Loringhoven was the originator, it will be in 2022. This will be the year many Cancerians finally get the credit they deserve.

LEO (JULY 23-AUG. 22): Author Carson McCullers wrote the novel *The Heart Is a Lonely Hunter*. Early in the story, the character named Mick Kelly has a crisis of yearning. McCullers describes it: “The feeling was a whole lot worse than being hungry for any dinner, yet it was like that. I want — I want — I want — was all that she could think about — but just what this real want was she did not know.” If you have ever had experiences resembling Mick's, Leo, 2022 will be your year to fix that glitch in your passion. You will receive substantial assistance from life whenever you work on the intention to clarify and define the specific longings that are most essential to you.

VIRGO (AUG. 23-SEPT. 22): After careful research, I have concluded that one of your important missions in 2022 will be to embody a perspective articulated by poet Rand Howells: “If I could have but one wish granted, it would be to live in a universe like this one at a time like the present with friends like the ones I have now and be myself.” In other words, Virgo, I'm encouraging you to do whatever's necessary to love your life exactly as it is — without comparing it unfavorably to anyone else's life or to some imaginary life you don't actually have.

LIBRA (SEPT. 23-OCT. 22): If your quest for spiritual enlightenment doesn't enhance your ability to witness and heal the suffering of others, then it's fake enlightenment. If your quest for enlightenment encourages you to imagine that expressing personal freedom exempts you from caring for the well-being of your fellow humans, it's fake. If your quest for enlightenment allows you to ignore racism, bigotry, plutocracy, misogyny and LGBTQIA-phobia, it's fake. Everything I just said about enlightenment is equally true about your quest for personal success. If it doesn't involve serving others, it's meaningless. In this spirit, Libra, and in accordance with the astrological omens, I invite you to make 2022 the year you take your compassion and empathy to the highest level ever.

SCORPIO (OCT. 23-NOV. 21): Two mating rabbits could theoretically engender 11 million relatives within a year's time. Although I suspect that in 2022 you will be as metaphorically fertile as those two hypothetical rabbits, I'm hoping you'll aim more for quality than quantity. To get started, identify two projects you could pursue in the coming months that will elicit your most liberated creativity. Write a vow in which you state your intention to be intensely focused as you express your fecundity.

SAGITTARIUS (NOV. 22-DEC. 21): A blogger named Soracities writes, “The more I read, the more I feel that a good mark of an intelligent book is simply that the author is having fun with it.” Sagittarian author George Saunders adds that at its best, “Literature is a form of fondness-for-life. It is love for life taking a verbal form.” I will expand these analyses to evaluate everything that humans make and do. In my opinion, the supreme sign of intelligence and value is whether the creators had fun and felt love in doing it. My proposal to you, Sagittarius, is to evaluate your experiences in that spirit. If you are doing things with meager amounts of fun and love, what can you do in 2022 to raise the fun and love quotient?

CAPRICORN (DEC. 22-JAN. 19): Microbiologist Alexander Fleming discovered penicillin in 1928. It was later described as “the single greatest victory ever achieved over disease” — an antidote to dangerous infections caused by bacteria. But there's more to the story. Fleming's strain of penicillin could only be produced in tiny amounts — not nearly enough to become a widespread medicine. It wasn't until 1943 that a different strain of penicillin was found — one that could be mass-produced. The genius who made this possible was Mary Hunt, a humble researcher without a college degree. By 1944, the new drug was saving thousands of lives. I mention Hunt because she's a good role model for you in 2022. I believe you'll have chances to improve on the work of others, generating excellent results. You may also improve on work you've done in the past.

AQUARIUS (JAN. 20-FEB. 18): Catherine Pugh wrote a series of children's books collectively known as Healthy Holly. Later, when she became mayor of the city of Baltimore, she carried out a scheme to sell 100,000 copies to hospitals and schools that did business with the city. Uh-oh. Corruption! She was forced to resign from her office and was arrested. I'd love for you to be aggressive and imaginative in promoting yourself in 2022, but only if you can find ethical ways to do so. I'd love for you to make money from doing what you do best, but always with high integrity and impeccability.

PISCES (FEB. 19-MARCH 20): Piscean Vaslav Nijinsky is regarded by many as the 20th century's most brilliant dancer. He had a robust relationship with beauty, and I want you to know about it. Hopefully, this will inspire you to enjoy prolonged periods of Beauty Worship in 2022. To do so will be good for your health. Memorize this passage from Nijinsky: “Beauty is God. God is beauty with feeling. Beauty is in feeling. I love beauty because I feel it and therefore understand it. I flaunt my beauty. I feel love for beauty.”

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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR LANE COUNTY In the Matter of the Estate of: ROBERT GENE DICKENS, Deceased. Case No. 21PB07187 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the estate of ROBERT GENE DICKENS, deceased. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with vouchers attached, to the undersigned personal representative SUSAN MEYERS, at 2205 Four Oaks Grange Road, Eugene, OR 97405, 541-914-9169 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the personal representative, or the lawyer for the personal representative, Robert B. Dugdale, 390 W. 12th Ave., Suite 203, Eugene, OR 97401, telephone 541-687-1718, fax 541-687-1723, email dugdaler@aol.com. Dated this 9th day of December, 2021. /s/ SUSAN MEYERS, Personal Representative. Robert B. Dugdale, OSB #740815, Attorney for the Petitioner, 390 West 12th Avenue, Suite 203, Eugene, Oregon 97401, Telephone: 541-687-1718, Email: dugdaler@aol.com. Dated and first published on the 16th day of December, 2021.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE Probate Department Case No. 21PB09411 NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS In the Matter of the ESTATE OF LYNNE PALMER, Deceased. Notice is hereby given that SHERI LYN CARSELLO has been appointed as Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them to the undersigned attorney for Personal Representative at 440 E Broadway, Ste 100, Eugene OR 97401 within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the court, Personal Representative or the attorney for Personal Representative. SHERI LYN CARSELLO, Personal Representative. Leslie L. Canton, OSB #172520, Attorney for Personal Representative, 440 E Broadway, Ste 100, Eugene OR 97401

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE. RONALD E. MYERS, an individual, Plaintiff, vs. PATRICK MICHAEL MCTEVIA and KIMBERLY CHRISTINE MCTEVIA, and occupants and all parties claiming to have an interest in the real property described in the Complaint, NICK WINN and IVA M. WINN; ROBERT M. HARLOW and NAOMA J. DUNNIHO; CHARLES W. SVENDSEN; BROOKS PRAIRIE ROAD, LLC, an Oregon limited liability company; MATTHEW D. LONGTIN; JUSTUS T. MCCANN; and LANE COUNTY TAX ASSESSOR, Defendants. Case No. 21CV26573 SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT: PATRICK MICHAEL MCTEVIA. COMPLAINT: A Complaint has been filed against you by Plaintiff RONALD E. MYERS for COMPLAINT FOR BREACH OF CONTRACT AND FORECLOSURE OF TRUST DEED seeking damages in the amount of \$87,893.12. IN THE NAME OF THE STATE OF OREGON: You are hereby required to appear and defend the Complaint filed against you in the above-entitled cause within thirty (30) days from the date of first publication of this Summons. If you fail to appear and defend, the Plaintiffs will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint. **NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: READ THESE PAPERS CAREFULLY!** You must “appear” in this case and the other side will win automatically. To “appear” you must file with the Court a legal paper called a “Motion” or “Answer”. The “Motion” or “Answer” must be given to the court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days of the date of first publication specified herein along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and have Proof of Service on the Plaintiff's attorney or, if the Plaintiff does not have an attorney, Proof of Service on the Plaintiff. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help in finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at <http://www.oregonstatebar.org> or by calling (503) 684-3763 or toll-free in Oregon at (800) 452-7636. The name and address of the court is: Lane County Circuit Court, 125 E. 8th Avenue, Eugene, OR 97401, (541) 683-0888. The name, address, and telephone number of Plaintiffs' attorney is: Kevin W. Bons, Beckley & Bons, P.C., P.O. Box 11098, Eugene, OR 97440. DATED and first published this 2nd day of December, 2021. BECKLEY & BON, P.C. By: /s/ Kevin W. Bons, OSB No. 066963, Attorney for Plaintiff, Trial Attorney for Plaintiff.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS - ESTATE OF ROBERT JOSEPH GASIENSKI - LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10476. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Danielle Mary Gasienski has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative at 1145 Saville Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97404. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice to the personal representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published December 16, 2021. Attorney for personal representative: Salvatore Catalano, OSB#161012, Catalano Law P.C., P.O. Box 5026, Eugene, OR 97405.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF ARDYTH L. HOPKINS LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10283. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representatives. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the Personal Representatives, Steven Hopkins and Candyce Dilbeck, c/o Janice L. Mackey, Hutchinson Cox, PO Box 10886, Eugene, Oregon 97440. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representatives at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representatives, or the Attorney for the Personal Representatives, named above. Dated and first published 12/09/21.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF KING, JUVENILE DEPARTMENT. IN RE THE DEPENDENCY OF: HUNTER MARSELLE JONES, DOB: 11/20/2008. NO: 21-7-00734-6 KNT NOTICE OF HEARING TO: * Mother, Wittney Nichole Silveira, A/K/A Wittney Nichole Nastro; Father, Shah Marselle Harris Jones, and/or any-

one claiming parental/paternal rights or interest in the child and to All Whom It May Concern: On November 4, 2021, a petition for Termination was filed in the above entitled Court, pursuant to RCW 13.34.080 and/or RCW 26.33.310 regarding the above named child, whose parents are *. [FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CALL 253-372-5738, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.] Said Petition will be heard on January 27, 2022, at 8:30 a.m., at Regional Justice Center Courthouse, Rm 1-L, 401 4th Ave North, Kent, WA 98032, before a judge of the above entitled court, at which time you are directed to appear and answer the said petition or the petition will be granted and action will be taken by the court such as shall appear to be for the welfare of the said child. Appearance at this hearing is required and may be in person or via telephone by calling (253) 215-8782 and entering the Meeting ID #460 423 8467. DATED Thursday, December 16, 2021. /s/ BARBARA MINER, KING COUNTY, SUPERIOR COURT CLERK. BY: KAB, Deputy Clerk

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE ORS 87.192 Notice is hereby given by All Star Mini Storage that a public lien sale by auction of the personal property stored in the spaces listed below will be held on January 13th, 2022 at the hour of 11:00 a.m. at www.storage-reasures.com. The property is stored at 5353 Main St., Springfield, OR. The spaces and occupants are: 84 Leland & Dena Powers, 108A Brayan Garcia, 107B Lawana Whipple

NOTICE OF SALE OF ABANDONED MANUFACTURED HOME: Briarwood, A California General Partnership, will sell the below-described manufactured home by private sealed bid for the highest offer received. The home has been abandoned and must be removed from the community by purchaser within 60 days of sale. The home, tenant and owner are described below. Bids for cash payment will be accepted until 10:00 am, January 3, 2022. Interested parties may contact Georgia Fletcher at (541)689-3440 to make arrangements to inspect the home. Bids may be submitted to Briarwood, 4800 Barger Drive, Office, Eugene, Oregon 97402, for the following home: 1988 Liberty. Home information: ID #255603, Serial #09L22890 HUD # 163091 located at 1400 Candlelight Drive, Space 189, Eugene, Oregon 97402; owner/tenant: Estate of Randall Stapleton.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS - ESTATE OF ROBERT JOSEPH GASIENSKI - LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10476. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Danielle Mary Gasienski has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative at 1145 Saville Avenue, Eugene, Oregon 97404. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice to the personal representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by this proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the personal representative, or the attorney for the personal representative. Dated and first published December 16, 2021. Attorney for personal representative: Salvatore Catalano, OSB#161012, Catalano Law P.C., P.O. Box 5026, Eugene, OR 97405.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Claims against the Estate of Donald D. Cole, Deceased, Lane County Circuit Court Case No. 21PB10021, are required to be presented to the Personal Representative, Carol Candler-Cole at 675 Oak Street, Suite 400, Eugene, Oregon 97401, within four (4) months from 12/16/21, the date of first publication, or such claims may be barred. Any person whose rights may be affected by the proceeding may obtain additional information from the records of the court, the Personal Representative, or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. HERSHNER HUNTER, LLP, Attorneys

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF ARDYTH L. HOPKINS LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10283. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Personal Representatives. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the Personal Representatives, Steven Hopkins and Candyce Dilbeck, c/o Janice L. Mackey, Hutchinson Cox, PO Box 10886, Eugene, Oregon 97440. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representatives at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representatives, or the Attorney for the Personal Representatives, named above. Dated and first published 12/09/21.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF CHARLES ALAN LEMOS LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10641. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the Personal Representative Myrna Jean Swaeringin, c/o Janice L. Mackey, Hutchinson Cox, PO Box 10886, Eugene, Oregon 97440. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 12/23/21

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF DAVID MICHAEL LODEESEN LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB09893. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Craig S. Lodeesen has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative, c/o Mark M. Williams, Attorney at Law, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 12/09/21. Personal Representative: Craig S. Lodeesen, c/o Mark M. Williams, OSB #821404, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF JANET A. SKIRVIN LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10186. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Randall R. Skirvin has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative, c/o Mark M. Williams, Attorney at Law, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 12/09/21. Personal Representative: Randall R. Skirvin, c/o Mark M. Williams, OSB #821404, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF LARRY GLEN ADAMS LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10209. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Checklin J. Vaifale has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative, c/o Mark M. Williams, Attorney at Law, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 12/09/21. Personal Representative: Checklin J. Vaifale, c/o Mark M. Williams, OSB #821404, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF LAURA BRINTON McCALLUM LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10427. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that John Ross McCallum has been appointed personal representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the personal representative, c/o Mark M. Williams, Attorney at Law, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by

these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court or the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 12/09/21. Personal Representative: John Ross McCallum, c/o Mark M. Williams, OSB #821404, 180 West Sixth Avenue, Junction City, Oregon 97448

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS ESTATE OF THELMA DEAN FISK LANE COUNTY CIRCUIT COURT CASE NO. 21PB10788. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them, with written evidence thereof attached, to the Personal Representative Michael H. Baker, c/o Janice L. Mackey, Hutchinson Cox, PO Box 10886, Eugene, Oregon 97440. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present them within four months after the date of first publication of this notice to the Personal Representative at the address stated above for the presentation of claims or such claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by these proceedings may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the Attorney for the Personal Representative, named above. Dated and first published 12/23/21.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS Frontier Business Forms, Inc., an Oregon corporation (the "Company") has dissolved as of December 10, 2021. Pursuant to ORS 60.644, any person with a claim against the Company is directed to present such claim to the Company by mailing a detailed description of the claim to the Company's attorneys, Hershner Hunter, LLP, Attn: Pablo Valentine, P.O. Box 1475, Eugene, Oregon 97440. Any claim against the Company will be barred unless a proceeding to enforce the claim is commenced within five years after the date of publication of this notice.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Guillermo Chamorro has been appointed as the Successor Trustee of the Wheelhouse Family Trust, established July 13, 2021. All persons having claims against the Trust or Gioconda Wheelhouse are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Successor Trustee, in care of Kay Hyde-Patton, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Trust may obtain additional information from the Successor Trustee. Dated and first published: 12/09/21. Guillermo Chamorro, Trustee of Wheelhouse Family Trust, c/o Kay Hyde-Patton, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, OR 97477, (541) 746-9621

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Tammie Michelle Petrushkin, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 21PB10827. All

persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 12/23/21. Michael D. Petrushkin, Personal Representative. Kay Hyde-Patton, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541)746-9621

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of John Norton Cabell, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 21PB10570. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 12/23/21. Holly Hemphill Cabell, Personal Representative. Kay Hyde-Patton, Attorney for Personal Representative Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS: Probate proceedings in the Estate of Dennis D. Farber, Deceased, are now pending in the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon for Lane County, Case No. 21PB10443, and the University of Oregon Foundation, by and through its Chief Financial Officer and authorized representative, Kelly S. Bosch, has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate. All persons having claims against the estate are required to present the same, with proper vouchers, to the Personal Representative, c/o Gleaves Swearingen LLP, Attorneys at Law, 975 Oak Street, Suite 800, Eugene, OR 97401, within 4 months from the date of the first publication of this notice or such claims may be barred. NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN to all persons whose rights may be affected by the above-entitled proceedings that additional information may be obtained from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative or the attorneys for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published this 9th day of December, 2021.

NOTICE TO INTERESTED PERSONS. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed and has qualified as the Personal Representative of the Estate of Virginia J. Cox, deceased, Lane County Probate No. 21PB10351. All persons having

claims against the estate are required to present their claims, with proper vouchers, within four months after the date of first publication of this notice, as stated below, to the Personal Representative at 188 West B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, or the claims may be barred. All persons whose rights may be affected by the proceedings in this Estate may obtain additional information from the records of the Court, the Personal Representative, or the attorney for the Personal Representative. Dated and first published: 12/16/21. Andrew D. Whitman, Personal Representative. Alex E. Gavrilidis, Attorney for Personal Representative, Leahy Cox, LLP, 188 W. B Street, Bldg. N, Springfield, Oregon 97477, (541) 746-9621

SIMPLY STORAGE-SPRINGFIELD 790 30th St. Springfield, OR. 97478, 541-741-0908. Auction Date is Jan. 8, 2022 - 2:40 PM. Units up for auction: 106 10x15 - McKeegan, 201D 10x10 - Wafford, 235 10x20 - Roebuck, 400A 6x10 - Davis

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE STATE OF OREGON FOR THE COUNTY OF LANE. ZACHARY LILLIE (PLAINTIFF/PETITIONER) V. AMANDA DAVIS NKA AMANDA BOWDEN (DEFENDANT/RESPONDENT) Case No. 12DRI3561 SUMMONS FOR SERVICE BY PUBLICATION TO ZACHARY LILLIE. Date of First Publication: 12/23/21. The respondent has filed an Order to Show Cause Regarding Modification of Judgment Re: Custody, Parenting Time and Child Support. If you do not file the appropriate legal paper with the court in the time required (see below), the respondent may ask the court for a judgment against you that orders the relief requested. NOTICE TO PLAINTIFF: READ CAREFULLY! The other party to this case has filed a request to change some of the terms of a previous judgment in this case. You must "appear" in this case of the other side will win automatically. To "appear," you must file with the Court a legal paper called a "Response" (or "Responding Affidavit") or "Motion." These form may be available through the court located at 125 E 8th Ave, Eugene OR 97401 or online at www.courts.oregon.gov/forms. This Response (or Motion) must be filed with the court clerk or administrator within thirty (30) days along with the required filing fee. It must be in proper form and you must show that the moving party's attorney (or the moving party if he/she does not have an attorney) was mailed a copy of the "Response" or "Motion." The location to file your Response is at the court address indicated above. You must pay any filing fee required by law, or obtain a Court Order waiving or deferring the fee when you file the response. If you have questions, you should see an attorney immediately. If you need help finding an attorney, you may contact the Oregon State Bar's Lawyer Referral Service online at www.oregonstatebar.org or by calling (503)684-3764 (in the Portland metropolitan area) or toll free elsewhere in Oregon at (800)452-7636. If special accommodation under the Americans with Disabilities Act is needed, Please contact your local court at the address above; telephone number: (541)682-4020. Submitted by: /s/ Amanda Davis NKA Amanda Bowden

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Outward Bound

BY DAN SAVAGE



I'm extremely kinky, with an emphasis on extreme. To give an example, I love long-term and extremely restrictive bondage. Think full-body casts or getting locked up for an entire weekend. I'm a 32-year-old straight male who has been married for five years. In the last year we opened up our marriage because my sexual desires were putting too much of a strain on the marriage. My wife is incredible, and we do many wonderful kinky things together, but I needed more. More frequency, more intensity. Since then, I've seen some other women but looking around I came to the realization that gay men have all the fun! I often see these incredibly intense sexual experiences that I so desire in amateur gay porn or on various gay men's fetish profiles. I think men have a higher propensity to pursue these kinds of things. I've been talking to a guy who shares a very similar set of kinks, and it's been great. He showed me Recon, which has opened a whole new world up to me. I'm struggling right now. It's like a battle between my identity as a kinkster/fetishist and my identity as straight. I think the former is going to win, but certain things concern me. I don't know if I'll feel repulsed to have, say, a dick in my mouth. And I don't want the poor guy that I play with to have to deal with my own internal psychological drama. I grew up in a very rural area that was extremely homophobic. I was bullied and called a faggot constantly. I've just recently been feeling less shame about being kinky and now there's this whole other level of shame that I am scared to contend with. Am I silly for considering doing stuff with men even though I'm a lot more attracted to women, just in order to fulfill these kinks?

— Brooding Over Unmet Needs Daily

"I felt very much in this person's shoes at one point in my life," said bondage porn star James "Heavy" Woelfel.

Just like you, BOUND, Heavy was always turned on by extremely heavy bondage scenarios. That was the reason he chose "Heavy Bondage For Life" as his porn name. And just like you, BOUND, Heavy once felt conflicted about getting tied by other men because he didn't identify as gay or bisexual at the time.

"I was really worried that if I played with men that meant my identity had to change, too," said Heavy, looking back at that time in his life. "But seeking out other genders to play with doesn't necessarily have to change your identity."

Heavy's identity ultimately did change — he now identifies as queer — but he wants you to know that your identity doesn't have to change. "I view bondage the same as getting together with friends for a round of golf, or shooting hoops, watching a movie or game together," said Heavy. "I've had many bondage encounters that involved sex, but I've had even more that were simply about the bondage itself."

What Heavy is suggesting here, BOUND, is that you can meet up with another guy for a heavy bondage scene and enjoy the bondage — and even get off on the bondage — without having "sex." You can consent to being a guy's bondage sub for an evening or a weekend without having to consent to sucking his dick or letting him fuck your ass.

"BOUND just needs to be direct about what he's looking for when he reaches out to the guys he might like to play with," said Heavy. "He needs to have the same conversations he had with his wife about limits, comfortability levels and intentions. And if someone's pushy about certain things that he's unsure about, then they're likely not the right person for him."

Bondage tops on Recon with the kind of gear required to put you in truly restrictive bondage will most likely have heard from other straight and/or straight-identified guys who were in it for the bondage, not the sex. If simply getting to tie you up isn't enough — if a gay bondage top isn't interested in a bondage-only scene with you — he'll decline to play with you.

"The most important thing is to find good and genuine people to share these kinds of experiences with," said Heavy. "Bondage is inherently dangerous, especially when you're the one being put in bondage, and it requires a lot of trust. BOUND needs to make sure he's putting his trust in the right people."

So, how do you know if you're interacting and negotiating with and possibly playing with the right kind of guys? In addition to trusting your gut — *always trust your gut* — check their references. If you're meeting bondage tops on Recon, you can send messages directly to the guys listed as friends on their profiles. Someone with a lot of friends (and a lot of original play pics) is a much safer bet than someone with no friends or pics, BOUND, but if you're tempted to play with someone without friends listed on his profile, ask to be put in touch with other men he's played with. If he refuses, BOUND, *don't play with him*.

"The gay men I played with when I was still identifying as straight were generally very respectful," added Heavy. "I did have a few experiences where my limits weren't respected. But thankfully I'm okay and I learned from those experiences."

And Heavy wants you to know that there are women out there who are into intense bondage.

"It's a myth that only men play to the level BOUND is interested in playing at," said Heavy. "Though I've had many incredible experiences with men, I've met just as many women that wanted to lock me up in the most serious forms of restraint you could ever imagine."

Follow Heavy on Twitter @for_heavy, on Instagram @heavybondage4life, and Only Fans at Heavybondage4life.

As we come into the holidays, I am dreading having to spend time with my sibling-in-law. They are fake, self-absorbed and delusional. At family dinners, they always serve themselves first. They don't wait until everyone is served before starting, and they are often finished before everyone is served. They chew with their mouth open and talk with their mouth full. They talk about themselves constantly. They are rapidly approaching middle age and have never held a full-time or permanent job. As far as anyone knows, they have never been kissed or even on a date. At first, I tried to cut them some slack. They are sheltered and don't really have any friends. Recently, I have taken to muting them on social media so that I don't have to see their insipid posts. I have also started skipping events with my partner's family, but I feel guilty when I do this. Also, I feel like it would be inappropriate to tell my partner how I feel. So, what do I do? Continue to suck it up, or further distance myself and risk hurt feelings for being absent? Or do I come clean with my partner and risk hurting them? I don't know what I would expect them to do other than offer me absolution for missing events.

— In-Law Lacking Substance

If someone has terrible table manners — if someone chews with their mouth open — don't you want them to serve themselves first and finish before you sit down to eat? As for the rest of it... it's hard not to feel sorry for your sibling-in-law, ILLS, but it's easy for me to feel sorry for them because I don't have to watch them chew or listen to them talk about themselves. And while avoiding your sibling-in-law this Christmas would be pretty simple (just plead Omicron), I don't see how you can avoid seeing your partner's sibling in the future — seeing and tolerating and, perhaps, finding some pity in your heart for them.

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- 🌿 \$22 Topshelf Eighths
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